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**VFC Intelligence Bulletin #06-33:
Threat Information for Jewish Institutions in Virginia**

Naveed Afzal Haq, the man accused in the fatal shooting rampage at the Jewish Federation office in Seattle, was charged Wednesday with nine felony counts, including aggravated first-degree murder for the death of the charity's director of the annual fundraising campaign and five counts of attempted first-degree murder for the five individuals that were wounded. Haq has also been charged with malicious harassment under the state's hate-crime law. Seattle officials have indicated that Haq carried out the attack against the Jewish community, because he believed Israel to be wrong in its attacks on Lebanon.

While there is no information to suggest terrorist groups or lone wolf extremists like Haq are targeting Virginia locations or organizations, the current conflict between Israel and Lebanon has led to demonstrations and protests at Israeli related rallies and gatherings in recent days. As in the Seattle shooting, events and places of significance to the Jewish population that involve Israelis or demonstrate solidarity with Israel could be considered potential targets for operatives or sympathizers.

Citizens are encouraged to review the *Seven Indicators of Terrorism Video and Reporting Terrorist Activity* available through the [Virginia Fusion Center](#). Jewish organizations and institutions are also encouraged to review their security measures and emergency operations plans. An updated security resource, *Protecting Your Jewish Institution: Security Strategies for Today's Dangerous World*, is available through the [Anti-Defamation League](#). Additional support is available through the Secure Community Network, [SCN](#), which is a part of the Jewish community's response to heightened security concerns in the United States. SCN has opened a new 24-hour hotline, 877-265-3337, to answer questions from the community and to convene a series of conference calls with executives of federations and other Jewish groups to discuss security issues.

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Despite the current lack of credible threat information, the Virginia Fusion Center encourages citizens to review the [Daily Public Report](#). Individuals observing suspicious activities or possible pre-incident indicators are urged to report any information to the Virginia Fusion Center on the Terrorism Hotline immediately at (877) 4VA-TIPS or via e-mail at VFC@vsp.virginia.gov.